

# Department of Natural Resources Impact in Taylor County

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



## Did you know?

In 2011, Wisconsin had

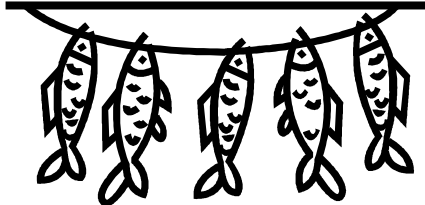
**763,384**



**RESIDENT HUNTERS**

In 2011, fishing in Wisconsin had an economic impact of over

**\$1.4 billion**



In Taylor County, **20,634** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

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## Investments in Recreation

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **414 citizens became hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile certified** in Taylor County.

Taylor County has over **9,492 acres of state owned properties** open for public hunting and outdoor recreation.

The DNR has recently invested **\$478,400 in capital development funds** to improve state managed lands in Taylor County, including the Pershing Wildlife Area and Medford Ranger Station.

## Community Partnerships

**Western Taylor County Public Library** in Taylor County was one of **17 libraries** chosen to test pilot **Outdoor Explorer Backpacks**. The backpacks encourage kids and families to get outdoors and explore Wisconsin's natural resources.

**Between 5,000 and 8,000 walleyes** are reared and stocked annually in cooperation with the **Rib Lake Area Fish & Game Association**. This partnership expands the state hatchery system's capacity to produce large walleye fingerlings.

DNR granted a total of **\$7,328** to the **Taylor County Sheriff Department** for ATV and snowmobile patrol activities.

Taylor County has **62 public water systems** that the DNR oversees to ensure they deliver safe water. Wisconsin has more public water systems than any other state in the nation.

## Snapshot of grants in Taylor County

A total of **\$478,403** was awarded in Taylor County for **water quality, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, public health and safety and forestry activities**. A snapshot of projects include: grants to individuals to plan and develop private forests, Clean Boats – Clean Waters on Esadore Lake and trail maintenance.

**\*\*Numbers reflect the July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 time period.**

## Forestry Activities

**Forestry is the largest employer in the county and produces an economic output of \$141 million, providing \$41 million in added value to the county.**

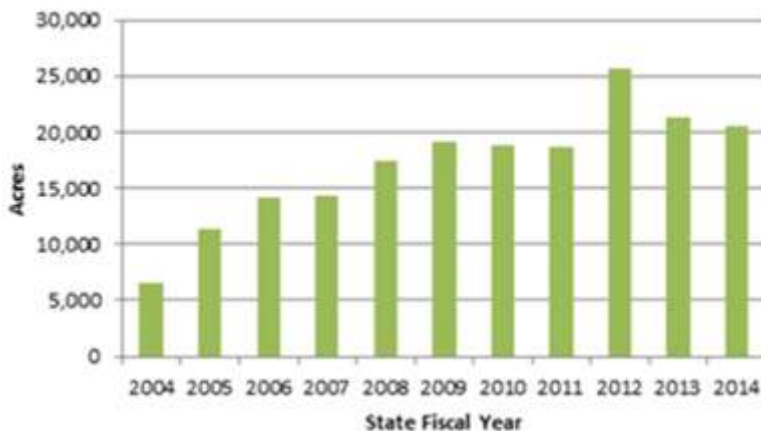
Through the Forest Tax Law programs (Forest Crop and MFL), **61,169 acres** of private land in Taylor County are being properly managed for timber, wildlife, water quality and a healthy environment. Additionally, **20,524 acres** of those privately owned lands are open for public access for hunting and recreation.

In the last three fiscal years, **Taylor County Forest has received over \$157,900 in grants** from the DNR for the purchase, development, preservation and maintenance of the county forest lands.

Since 2011, Taylor County has received **\$37,740 in Stewardship grants** to purchase over **40 acres** to add to their county forest.

*The following graph represents the average acres of timber sales established on state lands in Wisconsin annually.*

### State Timber Sale Establishment



## Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR approved **cleanups at 440 contaminated properties** resulting in **31 acres** being made available for reuse. DNR staff assures these cleanups provide **long-term protection of public health and environment.**

DNR provided **\$1,155,776 in reimbursements** over the past three years for expenses related to the **investigation and cleanup of petroleum contamination** from product storage systems.

DNR provided **\$28,672 in Brownfield Grants** over the past three years to place contaminated properties back into productive use.

## Deer Management in Taylor County

In 2014, Taylor County established a County Deer Advisory Council. One council per county, they provide input and recommendations to the DNR on deer management.

DNR is working with 21 landowners who have over 7,000 acres of land enrolled in the Deer Management Assistance Program to improve wildlife habitat on their property.

In 2013, a total of 6,762 deer were registered in Taylor County with 1,759 harvested during archery deer season and 5,003 harvested during the gun deer season.